

ALBACORE

Portsmouth Maritime Museum, Portsmouth

Albacore, an experimental diesel-electric submarine launched at Portsmouth in 1953, represents a revolution in naval engineering. Designed to be a true submarine, its surface characteristics subordinated to underwater performance, it was quieter, faster, and more maneuverable than any of its predecessors. *Albacore* became the model for all future U.S. Navy submarines, and for most foreign submarines as well. *Albacore* returned home in 1984 and is now moored in a permanent dry berth as a prime exhibit at the Portsmouth Maritime Museum.